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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE ON MIDDLE EAST TO CALLAGHAN

1. I HAVE SEEN TO IT THAT CALLAGHAN GETS MESSAGE YOU ASKED ME TO PASS HIM REGARDING YOUR LATEST THOUGHTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST BEFORE HE SEES RABIN AND FAHMY TODAY, JUNE 10. (THEY ARE BOTH ARRIVING AT HEATHROW AIRPORT THE SAME TIME, AND IT WILL TAKE SOME FAST FOOTWORK BY CALLAGHAN TO CATCH RABIN'S AIRPORT TALK WITH WILSON AFTER GREETING FAHMY AND GETTING HIM ON HIS WAY TO TOWN.)

2. I LIMITED MY MESSAGE TO SAYING THAT THE PRESIDENT'S SALZBURG MEETING WITH SADAT HAD RAISED POSSIBILITY OF COMPROMISE LANGUAGE BY EGYPT AMOUNTING TO A PLEDGE NOT TO GO TO WAR FOR A SPECIFIC DURATION OF TIME, THOUGH THAT WILL BE LESS THAN THE FIVE YEARS DESIRED BY ISRAEL, AND PROBABLY EVEN LESS THAN TWO YEARS. IN RETURN SADAT WANTS COMPLETE ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI PASSES. HE SPECIFICALLY EXCLUDES POSSIBILITY OF PLACING ANY MONITORING DEVICES THERE.

3. I ADDED THAT YOU FELT ASAD HAD DROPPED SOME HINTS RECENTLY WHICH RAISE AT LEAST SOME HOPE THAT ANY NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT COULD BE FOL-

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LOWED BY PROGRESS ON THE SYRIAN-ISRAELI FRONT AS WELL.

HOWEVER, I MADE IT CLEAR ALL THIS WOULD DEPEND ON OUTCOME
OF DISCUSSIONS WITH RABIN. IF NEW INTERIM AGREEMENT
COULD BE ACHIEVED RELATIVELY CHEAPLY, WITHOUT EXPENDING
MUCH CREDIT WITH THE ISRAELIS, WE WOULD GO AHEAD, LEAVING
A FURTHER INITIATIVE UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR OR NEXT
YEAR. OTHERWISE, CHANCES ARE WE WOULD REVERT TO OPTION
TWO.

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